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Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
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Regarding: Raised Bill No. 5249
AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES.

Dear Co-Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

As an Occupational Therapist and resident of Connecticut, I am speaking in support of Raised Bill No. 5249 which would be an extension of last year's Public Act No. 13-307 (House Bill 6546), which similarly limited the co-payments for physical therapy services. As an Occupational Therapist who has worked with burn patients, I am alarmed at the thought of them not being able to afford vital out-patient treatment to minimize scarring and maximize function. Imagine the effect of facial scarring not properly treated because a patient can't afford the regular visits needed to alter garments and face masks during the crucial time in which the scars can be manipulated. A burn is devastating enough. **Please don't add to this by voting HB 5249 down.** Of course you can imagine the damage of not being able to walk (PT). Now think about the damage of not being able to bring your hand to your mouth to feed yourself or go out in public because of unnecessary hypertrophic facial scarring.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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